

GAY MILITANTS ZAP S.I.R. DINNER

By Don Jackson

The GAY PEOPLE'S ACTION COMMITTEE, an ad hoc group comprised of members of several militant Gay groups, demonstrated against a fund-raising dinner sponsored by the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, a large conservative Gay organization.

Some 20 to 30 noisy demonstrators turned up to zap the \$12 per plate dinner at which Assemblyman Willie Brown was the featured speaker. The dinner was held at the SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL January 15.

The purpose of the demonstration was to protest what militants called a waste of the energies of the Community on the Brown consensual adult sexual freedom bill, which militants claim is a "useless activity" that will do nothing to end the persecution of Gays. Another purpose was to protest the exclusion of many Gay organizations from the sex law reform conference being held over the January 15 weekend.

The protestors claim that SIR Political Chairman Jim Foster invited only groups and individuals with conservative political views similar to his own, and thereby excluded the vast majority of the Gay movement. However, Rob Cole, News Editor of the Los Angeles ADVOCATE and one of the main sponsors of the conference, said that the purpose of the conference was to plan a strategy to get a sex reform bill passed; therefore, there was no reason to invite people who do not support reform.

Rev. Ray Broshers of the GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE shouted "fascist pig" at each of the guests arriving for dinner. Many guests turned away when they saw the picket line. Others entered

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Lori Shannon and members of the chorus during a WONDERFUL TOWN rehearsal.
(photograph by Stan Walters)

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REHEARSAL: "WONDERFUL TOWN" by Terry Alan Smith

It's 1:50 p.m. on a bright-blue Sunday afternoon. It's dark and dreary inside—the work-lights glaring through the gloom. A day's supply of coffee has been gleaned from that infamous Doggie Diner, under false pretenses. On the stage, chairs are lined-up in neat little rows—one person in each chair—all

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through a side entrance. Morris Knight and a contingent from the Los Angeles GAY LIBERATION FRONT were invited to dinner, but they refused to cross the picket line and joined the demonstration instead of going in. Four plainclothes police officers, including Elliott Blackstone, were summoned to guard the hotel against invasion by the demonstrators.

The demonstration was instigated by GAY SUNSHINE Editor Winston Leyland. In addition to members of the GAY SUNSHINE staff, members of the GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE, GAY VETS, EMMAUS HOUSE, radical lesbians and effeminists joined in the zap.

A leaflet passed out by demonstrators had a graphic of a horse's ass and bold headlines reading, "SIR hosts \$12 dinners while Gays go hungry—\$12 would buy a week's food for a Tenderloin Gay." The leaflet described the reform bill as a "hoax and sop" that will do nothing to end the problems of police harassment, entrapment and persecution.

GAY SUNSHINE, which has been scathingly critical of SIR in the past, handed out its own leaflet charging that SUNSHINE reporters were not even invited to come to the conference as press observers. However, a spokesman for SIR said that the conference was open to press observers but nobody

from SUNSHINE called to ask. This reporter went to the conference uninvited, asked for admission as a press observer, and was promptly admitted.

The SUNSHINE leaflet suggested that the energies and money spent on a "useless" sex law reform bill would be much better spent on developing community services for Gays, alternatives to the bar and bath scene, services for teenage Gays in juvenile homes and mental institutions and for those in prisons. SIR's public relations efforts would better be spent on a campaign to expose the horrors of Vacaville: indeterminate sentencing and cures by sadistic psychiatrists under the Mentally Disordered Sex Offenders Act, according to the SUNSHINE leaflet.

The zap was covered by the UNITED PRESS, and stories of the demonstration were carried by hundreds of newspapers and radio stations all over the world.

The next day, Morris Knight told the sex law reform conference that they should thank the demonstrators for all the publicity they gave the meeting. "The publicity they got with their cheap crayola picket signs and screaming did more to publicize the persecution of Gays than this conference will ever accomplish", Knight said.

(ED. NOTE: A Conference of California homosexual groups and organizations here January 15-17 formed a new statewide

committee to work for sexual law reform.

The Conference pointed up the growing political awareness of the gay subculture by singling out three presidential hopefuls for a qualified endorsement.

The Committee for Sexual Law Reform, formed at the Conference, is to develop a continuing program in this field.

The Conference was originally called to discuss strategy for passage in 1972 of Democratic Assemblyman Willie Brown's consenting adults measure (AB*437) which failed in the last session of the legislature.

Delegates decided to continue support of the Brown bill, and to oppose related provisions currently proposed for the revised California Penal Code as not going far enough.

The three Presidential hopefuls "recognized... as logical candidates" were Senator George McGovern (D-SD), Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), and Congressman Paul McCloskey (R-Calif).

The Committee, composed initially of 5 persons from the state's major population centers, is to be expanded as soon as possible to a membership of at least 13.

It is expected to launch a major fundraising effort and to seek the support of professional groups in the fields of law, medicine, psychology and religion.

A committee spokesman said an all-out effort will be made to involve all gay organizations in California, and as large a percentage as possible of the estimated half-million homosexual adults in the state in its program.

The Committee set up a temporary office at 902 J Street in the state capital at Sacramento.

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facing the head-master. From the intensity with which all are paying attention, you'd think the head-master were about to roll down a graphic chart of the reproductive organs, preparatory to tracing the path of the spermatozoa—signaling the start of a biology class.

So, it surprises you when he says, "Don Cavallo will begin, 'Maybe it's love...'" And this voice with a nice quality and a pleasant amount of vibrato comes booming in song from the midst of the class, "Maybe it's love. It's love. Now who would have thought it?" And the rest of the pupils join in. And the melody sounds familiar. Bernstein, isn't it? And you notice the head-master doesn't have a desk at all, but a grand piano. He suddenly projects, "You're late!" and all stops short. "I'll nod my nose or head or something", he states. And you look at him intently (his preciseness wouldn't permit you to do otherwise). He's Denis Moreen, the musical director of WONDERFUL TOWN, now in rehearsal at the VILLAGE for its February 4th opening.

They start again: first Mr. Cavallo, then the chorus (carefully watching Mr. Moreen's nose or head or something for a precise cue). It sounds lovely and you're not surprised—Mr. Moreen had produced all those beautiful sounds in the CHUCK LARGENT REVUE, had he not? They move into the WRONG

NOTE RAG and again Mr. Moreen stops them short: "It's 'T'. Accent the 'T'. Wrong noTe. Now do it." They do, resounding with a large, emphatic, "noTe". Then on to—or rather back to—IT'S LOVE, this time with Lori Shannon and Faye joining Mr. Cavallo. Where's Lori Shannon? You hear this voice which sounds pretty good. That can't be HER—you've heard HER before! But it is! And she

sounds good! Congratulations again, Mr. Moreen. Faye sounds better than you remember her: a warm, charming high-tenor quality. I'm lost in thought-projections—visualizing the cast in full war-paint, and when my mind comes back to reality, the cast is singing CHRISTOPHER STREET.

The music rehearsal completed, Chuck Largent, the director, takes over.

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(left to right) Chuck Largent, Jose, Lori Shannon and Don Cavallo.

(photograph by Stan Walters)

WONDERFUL TOWN (continued)

They're going to do a run-through of the show now. (Chuck wanted to work on the scenery, but I showed-up to write a rehearsal story. He glares at me for a moment... but not malevolently.) The chorus goes off-stage like a herd of stampeding buffalo. "Tip-toe off-stage!", Mr. Largent bellows. Again, everything stops short—not a sound can be heard but the gelatin in the lights shrinking with the heat. "You'll learn to tip-toe off-stage if we have to stay here all night!" They learn... and fast!

And on into the afternoon things proceed in like fashion. "You're late!", "Project!", "Sell the songs!" and similar phrases punctuate the holes in the rehearsal. Ah, growing pains. But everything seems to be in the right shape for this point in the game. They're doing fine.

A rehearsal break and I ask Denis Moreen about the instrumentation he is planning for the orchestra. "Two pianos, two percussion—one standard traps and the other marimbas and the like, and one bass... string bass." Very



(left to right) Jose', Faye and Lori Shannon
(photograph by Stan Walters)

Bernstein, I'm thinking... especially the percussion.

Back into the thick of it, the dance numbers are looking damn exciting—even when a couple members of the chorus don't seem to know what number they're in. But they will. Everything's coming along on schedule. My, Lori Shannon can move beautifully. I've always known that, but those little two by four stages she's been doing pantomime shows on have restricted her somewhat. Now, on the stage of the VILLAGE, she has freedom of

movement and—working "live"—freedom of expression—and she certainly is living up to it. I'm impressed. Faye is warm and charming and—what is more unusual—a strong balance for Lori Shannon's part of Ruth. That's good—hard to accomplish, and she seems to be doing it with such ease. And, talk about ease, Don Cavallo seems so relaxed, so suave, so... ah, well. And Jose'—without a script, and delivering his lines with the pace of a good bitch session. And here's Cliff Reynolds turning the small part of a policeman into a three-dimensional portrait. And Chuck Waltz communicating his buoyant personality in a variety of even smaller parts. Both men should be highly memorable, I'm thinking. And then, there's Bob Loren... where did he come from?! My God, here's a real, old-fashioned pro with that great old-school burlesque timing. Beautiful!

Yes, everything seems to be healthy at the VILLAGE. There ARE lots of rough edges which, anyone in the theatre knows, is a healthy sign (I worked one show in New York where EVERYTHING went smoothly: everyone got along, the rehearsals pulled the show into shape in a couple of weeks so that the balance of the scheduled rehearsal time was spent on polishing to a fine gloss. P.S. it was the biggest bomb in memory!), and there's one temperamental "diva" who screams and yells at anyone nearby (and all because he doesn't know his twenty or so lines and hates himself for it!), but this is—believe me—quite normal. The company, as a whole, seems to have a fondness for each other and THAT IS essential. The show is only a fraction away from falling into place and, by press time, should be. It's all a matter of growing pains... and the child looks healthy as a horse.

I had forgotten how solid a show WONDERFUL TOWN is. For all its instant transitions in mood, and experiments in musical styles, it is hilarious, melodic and—though I watched the rehearsal through its six-hour length, the show seemed to be about fifteen minutes long. That's how tight and fast-paced it is.

If I were the producers, I wouldn't be worried about the performance at all. I

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think it will pull into a damn good show and establish a couple of reputations along the way.

(ED. NOTE: WONDERFUL TOWN opens at the VILLAGE on February 4th, and plays Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through February 20th thereafter. Tickets are available at all Ticketron agencies, or by writing the CITY PLAYERS, c/o the VILLAGE, 901 Columbus, San Francisco 94133.)

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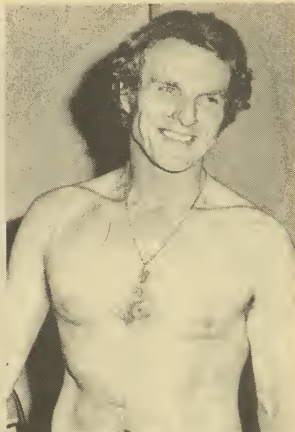
At the risk of being accused of "trying to pull a George C. Scott", I must again repeat this year that I am NOT a candidate for this or any other Golden Awards honor. Past observation of this sort of function has shown that in many cases the "winners" are selected on the basis of local popularity rather than actual talent. There has also been a tendency to place professional entertainers in the same category with part-time performers and local amateurs, a practice I find both unwise and unfair.

In any event, had I been consulted in this matter I would have told anyone involved that I gave no professional performances during 1971 anywhere in the Bay Area, having more or less dropped out of the local entertainment scene for a while in order to write and assemble new material.

The Annual Golden Awards presentation is a lavish, fun affair involving the work of many people, and although I do not choose to be a candidate this year (or in any other), I want to take this opportunity to wish a successful evening to the promoters and a good time to those who do wish to participate.

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NEWS ROUND UP

By Don Jackson

VICE CRACKDOWN ON BARB

The San Francisco Police Department Vice Squad is conducting a campaign against advertisers in the **BERKELEY BARB**, according to the January 14 issue of **S.F. GOOD TIMES**.

The **GOOD TIMES** reports vice officers have been answering massage and sex ads to try to entrap the advertisers. Modeling agencies and sex ad advertisers are warned to beware.

BAY AREA CONGRESSMEN ENDORSE GAY RIGHTS

Two Bay Area U.S. Congressmen announced their support of Gay civil rights legislation.

Congressman William Mailliard (R. San Francisco) told a January 7 meeting of the **SAN FRANCISCO GAY ACTIVIST ALLIANCE** that he would support removing all sanctions against homosexuals. However, Mailliard became evasive when asked if he would support an amendment to the civil rights bill to include sexual orientation.

When asked about his position on the denial of security clearances, Mailliard replied that he doesn't think security clearances should be denied just because of homosexuality, but that some homosexuals are vulnerable to blackmail because of their zealous desire to conceal their homosexuality.

Although the historic meeting marks the first appearance of a U.S. Congressman before a Gay group west of New York, only around 40 people attended due to insufficient advance publicity.

Congressman Paul McCloskey (R. South San Francisco) told a news conference that he would "firmly support" legislation that would prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing, insurance and bonding. However, McCloskey said that equal rights for homosexuals in the armed forces would cause "military problems".

Both congressmen have large Gay constituencies. Mailliard's district includes the western portion of San Francisco and southern Marin County. McCloskey's district consists of the

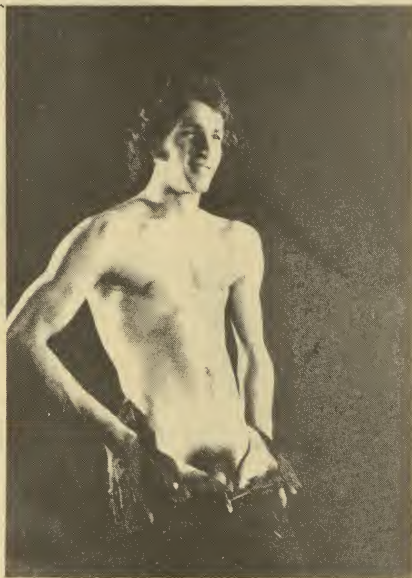
northern portion of San Mateo County. Both congressmen are liberal Republicans.

GAY STUDIES PROGRAM

Entropy Free University is offering three Gay studies courses in the Spring semester. **HOSEXUALITY**, a survey course, will include the psychological, sociological and theological views of homosexuality, past and present. **GAY MARRIAGES**, a course on how to make Gay marriages succeed will be taught by Dr. Alice R. Naumoff. In addition to being an educator, Dr. Naumoff is also the assistant pastor of the **S.F. METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**.

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CLASS ACTION AGAINST U.S.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a class action suit seeking a permanent injunction against the U.S. Civil Service Commission and the Government, barring investigations of the sexual practices of federal employees or job applicants. The suit was filed on behalf of four specific Gay plaintiffs and for all homosexuals. It was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. The suit also asks that the court issue a declaratory judgment, declaring the using of homosexuality as a basis for employment disqualification to be unconstitutional.

ACLU Executive Director Florence Isbell said that this is the first class action brought on behalf of former Government employees dismissed for being homosexuals.

SEX LAW REFORM CONFERENCE

A two-day Gay conference to plan strategy for sex law reform was held at SIR in San Francisco, January 15-16. Around 70 delegates from all over California attended. Conspicuous by their absence were racial minorities, women, radicals and youth.

Sex law reform, to the conference, means enactment of the Brown Bill, which would repeal the sodomy, oral copulation and adultery laws when these acts are committed between consenting adults in private.

The main outcome of the conference is that four local sex law reform groups (in each of the four main population centers) were set up. The local organizations are to be responsible for mobilizing support in their areas, voter registration drives, fund-raising activities and public relations and organizational work.

PUBIC BULGE WINS ACQUITTAL

Two San Francisco men charged with homosexual sex offenses were acquitted by the jury, after the defense lawyer

proved they were illegally entrapped by S.F.P.D. vice squad officers exhibiting large penises.

Both defendants were arrested while walking in Dolores Park. Officer Daniel T. Dragos, a handsome young Italian, appeared in court wearing very snug trousers, and exhibiting an immense pubic bulge.

Dragos testified that one of the defendants had walked up to him and said, "Hi, I'd like to suck you off", whereupon Dragos arrested the defendant.

Defense attorney B.J. Beckwith asked Dragos what type of shorts he was wearing the night of the arrest, thus calling the jury's attention to the all-revealing trousers the officer was wearing. Dragos said that he didn't recall, but whatever type of shorts he was wearing, he was "clean". The vice squadder's boasting about the size of his genitals did not set well with the jury.

The defendant testified that Dragos approached him. In cross examination, Dragos admitted that he had told the defendant that he (Dragos) had an apartment nearby on 20th Street, and had invited the defendant to come

home with him.

The defendant said that he made no remark to Dragos about "sucking him off", but that what really happened is Dragos approached him and said "Hi". Dragos then cruised him with his eyes and asked the defendant about "the action going on in the bushes". The defendant replied, "I don't know about the action and I don't have the nerve to find out". Then, the defendant said, Officer Dragos invited him to come to Dragos' apartment "where it would be more convenient". As they left the park, Dragos said, "I got bad news for you—You're under arrest."

The boastful, macho attitude of the vice officer, and the revealing bulge in his pants, convinced the jury that the defendants had been illegally entrapped, and so the jury voted unanimously for acquittal.

Not mentioned in the trial, but quite relevant, is the recent story of the Los Angeles vice cop who quit after issuing a press release saying that vice officers are selected on account of the size of their penises, and that he considers the exhibition of exceptionally large penises to be entrapment.

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It is not true—Spanish Rose does not wash my unmentionables on Saturday mornings—I'd let her, but I am afraid that she has a FETISH...

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The pretender (left) confronted by the original.

One thing you can be sure of these days—if you see Michael and Buttons—Dusty has to be around someplace close, with a glass of scotch in hand...

Would you like to come to a fish fry?... Try the TROPICS... eh, Mama Peck?

Nice to see Paul Bentley back running the camera at the RAMROD on Sunday

afternoons... such a groovy crowd of studs... the "Lips" was really in heaven... eh, Tom and Art?...

Sunday brunch at SUTTER'S MILL is sure great, what with Bill Brown cooking, Ivan waiting tables, and Craig Daley behind the bar. Ran into lots of old friends there. Keep it up, Carol.

Bella brought a plant to the COVERED WAGON the day after the BALL, and it looked so great that The KOKPIT... on Sunday... the 6th of February, from 10 A.M. til 2 P.M., is having a BRING A PLANT, TREE OR BUSH PARTY. Bring the plant, tree or bush to The KOKPIT and have some complimentary "Planters' Punch" from the "Magic Fountain". Then, at 2 P.M., we all leave The KOKPIT and go to the COVERED WAGON, with our 'LOVE' plant, for a complimentary brunch served by Ray Rule. So come on down and join in the drinking, eating, fun and GAMES??? After all, the COVERED WAGON pool does need a little landscaping to make it look like Land's End.

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The GOLD EAGLE... a unique bar at 1601 Market St.... hard liquor... easy people... do drop in and say hello to Jim... say the 'Lips' sent you.

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Bill Eng of THE HOUSE OF HARMONY must have cut Dicky Dare Darling's wages, as I saw him moonlighting at the NEW BELL SALOON... repairing their antique clock, that is... Don't forget the HOUSE OF HARMONY's big ANNIVERSARY PARTY on Sunday and Monday, 20th and 21st of February. Buffet, Prizes and Fun... even Rome and Dorothy shall be working... maybe.

Lorin Gay called to remind all that on the 12th of February... 9 P.M. till?, S.I.R. will be having its VALENTINE DANCE with a catered bar and prizes for costumes.

What sexsational manager of the BODY SHOP, whose initials are Jerry Joint (and he is), is making it with what AGED columnist (not me, damn it), whose initials are Perennial Perry. Such a waste of a beautiful body... (not Perry's but Jerry's)

Ollie... how come you call Barbara 'Honey', when playing cards at DIXON'S? Such a display of affection.

When is 'Bambi' of JACKSON'S going to show the CORONATION BALL movies?? The Polish Prince certainly was tonguing-it with a ravishing beauty... wonder who she was???

The Polk Strasse Field Marshall...

Hans... must be jealous of Ray Rule... Hans has now bought the once VERY POPULAR CLOUD 7 and rumor has it he is dickering for a western type bar on the same street... Hope he doesn't pay in Marks.

Two good friends of many people... Marion and Kay... from MAIN STREET and THE ANNEX in San Juan, will be here in late February for a vacation and another surprise. The 'Lips' knows.

Going to start working on a new SWEET LIPS MAP again. Anyone wanting on (or OFF), please contact me. Only one bar has requested (demanded) to be removed... no problem. However, as the same no. 42 and area on the map will be listed as... State Dept. of Human Resources.. and they are HUMAN.

Sausalito now has two interesting bars... SAUSALITO INN (formerly Alioto's Arbordale) and J.P.'S (formerly the BRIDGEWAY INN)... seems as if I remember them both very well...

On Monday, the 14th of February, from 4 P.M. on, come to The KOKPIT for Sweet Lips' SWEETHEART ST. VALENTINE'S PARTY... Dowager Cristal, Dowager Lorelei and Sweet Lips will be hosting... a gala party... pink champagne from the "Magic Fountain"... Understand Shirley will be doing her 'Honky' number again... Shirley is creating a NEW sensational gown for me, and Jimmy Quinn, a new out-of-this-world hair-dooooo.

Billy and Bob from the LONELY BULL are now in charge of the kitchen at THE LANDMARK. Dinners and Sunday brunch, and their food and service are great... nice to have a good place to eat downtown, especially when the people are appreciated. Good luck

What Polk St. bartender decided not to serve a drink 'when the clock went off', because it was against 'policy' that they were drinking "call" liquor... even tho' they weren't asking for discount?... and considering these were bar people... bad.

Bye,
The Lips.

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Comments

Yes, I read "Auntie Mildred's Capers", Jan 15, 1972 B.A.R. I have not found any validity in anything Don Cavallo has written. What more can I say.

Yes, I received a long letter from George Mendenhall, editor of VECTOR, taking me to task. If it makes George feel better to vent his pent up emotions at me, "write on" George. I certainly sympathize with the terrific strain Mr. Mendenhall is presently under.

Yes, I read the "Berkeley Barb", Jan. 7-13 edition. It is too bad Nick Benton can not sign his name to his articles such as, "Gay Fray Rocks S.F."

Yes, I read Thomas M. Edward's critique of me in the last B.A.R. Mr. Edwards' comments are always a boost to my spirits. Tom writes with a

brilliant command of language, excellent structure to his letters, well taken points of view to the issue and I disagree with him completely.

Yes, I received a lengthy phone call from Reverend Ray Broshears resigning again as the "pope" of the homosexual movement. How can the whole gay world misunderstand the Rev. Ray so much? This good priest reminds me so much of my grandfather, who also was a moderate Republican, like Rev. Ray, though my grandfather swore with all the charm of an Irish Saint. My grandfather's house was stoned many times during World War I because he, too, was misunderstood, but as an anti-militant.

Yes, I went to the Willie Brown Dinner and received the many

comments on my comments. I certainly was left dumb founded by the Dowager Empress Jose' who praised and praised me. Where did I go wrong? ...And Jose' never looked lovelier!

Yes, I have received one hundred and one reactions to my last B.A.R. article, much of it, as Red John calls it, below conversational level.

Now, I am sitting in the breakfast room with all of my notes on these conversations, all of these newspaper and magazine articles, all of these letters and pamphlets piled on the table, trying to write this article. I can see our backyard through the picture window beyond the pile of papers. There is a humming bird feeding from the flowers on the large fuschia tree that never stops blooming. Three sparrows are picking up seeds where the daffodils are already shooting up their leaves, some daffodils are already six inches high. The lawn is dark, dark green because of the overcast sky. Bright purples, reds, oranges and yellows glisten between the primrose leaves already. I can't help but think of that little ditty Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, how does your garden grow? With cockleshells, and pretty blue belles, all talking at the same time.

Before I throw this whole mess in the fireplace, I just want to make one thing perfectly clear. I feel that it is good to have everyone discussing, with such great concern, my comments. But, and please make no mistake about this Bob Ross, the lumber I bought is to do finishing work on our gazebo; I do not now contemplate, nor do I have any plans in the future to erect a cross in our back yard. I feel perfectly comfortable contemplating the carp in our pond at ground level.

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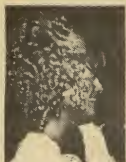


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Tidbits

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DOWNTOWN

The ALLEY CAT was jammed to the rafters with such people as Dallas, Douglas Dean (ADVOCATE), Naomi, Jim and friend (EXIT, Oakland) and tons of handsome young men. The event was a fashion show, with clothes from the TOWN SQUIRE. I had the pleasure of being M.C. for all those heaven models and, if you missed them, you get a second chance, as there will be a fashion show at the RENDEZVOUS, Tuesday, February 1st.

The BODY SHOP'S Carnival Night was a gas, with a kissing booth and fun prizes. Would you believe Reba won a double-headed dildo? No, dear, that was not a rubber boomerang. The kids from the HANS OFF, 181 CLUB, *P.S. and ROUND-UP packed the place, and we watched the go-go boys in the outfits they almost had on, while Bill McWilliams (BOOT CAMP) gave out the door prizes.

If you are looking for that special place to have a drink with that special person, try the UNION SQUARE LOUNGE. You will love Kelly and Jay as much as I do.

Will wonders never cease? Yes, that was our new Dowager escorting Roxanne to the ROUND-UP. They had just left a party for Jonni at the PEKE PALACE. Among the crowd, I spotted Voo Doo and Faye (dressed to the teeth), along with Lori Shannon and Jonni herself. My dear, would you believe Wink and Billy (GOLDEN DOOR) in drag? The Dog Lady's sister (knockers), Margie, Jerry Joint (BODY SHOP), John (J & R's), myself and a host of others packed the place for a fun evening.

Mardi Gras is upon us and the RENDEZVOUS is having a big party on Tuesday, February 15th. Perry (that's me) will be Hostess, and I will be giving out some great prizes for best costume,

including \$100.00 first prize, so get to stitching, kiddies—this should be a blast.

Jerry tells me the BODY SHOP is also having a MARDI GRAS PARTY on Wednesday, February 9th, so dig out that costume from the trunk and get a double wearing.

If you have roller skates, you can make that a triple, as the ORPHEUM CIRCUS is having their MARDI GRAS PARTY also on February 15th, with prizes and games.

S.I.R. is having their VALENTINE'S DANCE, Saturday, February 12th, 9 to 12. They are also having prizes for best costumes.

The 181 CLUB has some very nice go-go boys and a fun show featuring the PLAYBOYS (?). Tony does a nude dance that is one of the funniest things I've ever seen.

M.C.C. COMMUNITY CENTER is opening their COFFEE HOUSE, February 1st. You should call it the "Speakeasy", as it really was in the old days.

The AMBASSADOR will host a party for Jonni, February 14th, with Mike (the old mouth) Tetrizini as M.C. The main door prize will be \$100.00.

The TURF CLUB is having a night for Peter King, Monday, February 7th, with buffet and all the goodies.

The ALLEY CAT will celebrate their Anniversary, Tuesday, February 8th, with the SALT AND PEPPER REVUE, along with Lady Margaret.

VALENCIA VALLEY

HANS OFF has amateur night, for go-go boys, on Tuesdays. They can be very revealing and very interesting.

The GASLIGHT is having a box social on Sunday, February 6th, to help M.C.C. COMMUNITY CENTER.

The LIVING END had their Grand Opening, January 27th, and let me tell you that Kimo is well-worth watching when he is shaking his tuckas.

The BACHELOR'S CLUB's new bartender, Rocky, was almost wearing a leather "G"-string. LEATHER 'N' THINGS must have run out of leather. Monday, February 7th, the BACHELOR'S CLUB will host an auction for M.C.C. CENTER.

The GASLIGHT is having a costume ball, Monday, February 14th, with cash prizes for best costumes.

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AROUND TOWN

Michael Greer reigned over a very attentive audience at the dinner for Willie Brown. I only wish everyone could have heard what Mr. Brown and Mr. Hongisto had to say. A few that did were Rev. Troy Perry (M.C.C., L.A.), Rev. Jim Sandmier (M.C.C., S.F.), Elliott Blackstone, Empress Jonni, Richard (HOUSE OF HARMONY), Roberta Bobba, Jose', Ray Rule (of all over), Rita Ramp (ROUND-UP), Bill Plath (ORPHEUM CIRCUS), George Coffman, Jim Foster and the S.I.R. staff, Glen Schmoll (ADVOCATE), Nancy, Faye, Zane Thomas (DAVE'S) and our new Dowager Empress. Mr. Brown received a standing ovation. One of the points he brought out was: now is the time to stick together, so our strength will be felt. This is no time to fight among ourselves!! he also suggested we get together a political war-chest for the future. Maybe Willie for Mayor? Let's hope!! Mr. Hongisto recommended and introduced Richard Stokes, who will run (as a Gay) for the Community College Board.

A new star is born by the name of Francine, appearing with Sande' and the

MEN-N'-KNIGHTS at the ORPHEUM CIRCUS.

Watch for a coming event: the ANIMAL AND BIRD BALL.

S.I.R. elections are February 2nd. Check and see who has worked and has an interest, then vote!!

Shades of the MINT? Check-out the back bar in the GOLDEN DOOR. This will soon have a show lounge, as they are going through to the next building.

My best wishes and a speedy recovery to Doug of FE-BE'S. He has had an operation and I'm sure he will be happy to hear his friends are pulling for him.

My spies tell me there will be a new restaurant/bar opening soon in the Polk area.

Watch for the new "camp awards" coming soon.

Empress Night at WONDERFUL TOWN will be Saturday, February 12th. See Jonni for tickets.

CHINESE CHECKERS

Fanny (TRAPP) is now shaking her thing at the GOLDEN DOOR.

Lenny Lynn (BODY SHOP) is back at the GRUB STAKE.

Kelly, formerly of the MAGIC GARDEN, is now at the UNION

SQUARE LOUNGE.

Joe is now Manager of KELLY'S SALOON.

I found those cute bus-boys from the MAGIC GARDEN.. they're at the SHED.

Danny moved from the ALLEY CAT to the ROUND-UP.

Dean from the LUCKY CLUB and MAGIC GARDEN is now at the BODY SHOP.

Nicky (old SPEAKEASY) is now at the ROUND-UP.

Jim from the BOOT CAMP is now at the BODY SHOP.

FORGING FOLSOM

For someone who is enterprising, you might try a clothes-rental at the COVERED WAGON for those who get thrown-in.

The BOOT CAMP will have their MARDI GRAS PARTY, Tuesday, February 14th.

The HIGHLITERS will open at the COUNTRY CLUB, February 9th and 10th, with a new addition: Malcolm Clarke.

There will be a benefit at the RAMROD for Ruth Etting (a friend of
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theirs who needs help), February 14th. If you don't dig parties, you will dig Bob Page, the bartender!! He's long, tall and heaven.

The ROUND-UP had a smash week!! It started with the HIGHLIGHTERS and ended with J.J. Van Dyck and Jose', with lots of go-go boys in the middle. Thank you, Gary, Al and Carl, for a very entertaining week! May your anniversaries go on forever.

The SAN FRANCISCANS had their PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS DINNER at the 527 CLUB. Guests came from far and near to honor Dick Denola, the new President; officers and board members. Some of who were there: C.M.C., SERPENTS, F.F.A., RUNNING ARROWS (L.A.), WARLOCKS, BARBARY COASTERS, S.P.M.C. (Australia), NIGHT RIDERS (East Bay), Al (ROUND-UP), Don, John and Doug (FE-BE'S, J & R'S), Paul (RAMROD), Pat and Ron (LEATHER 'N' THINGS), Casey (CASEY'S SALOON), Jerry Joint (BODY SHOP) and yours truly.

LARKIN LANE

The TROPICS will have a Paris Night on February 3rd, and Greece Night, February 10th, with prizes for best costumes. Saturday, February 12th, they will have a big party for Jose'.

Joe Roland is having his annual LITHUANIAN PARTY at the GANGWAY, Tuesday, February 15th. Everyone in town should be busy that night... there is enough going on.

TRODDING TURK

If you haven't enjoyed dinner or brunch at the CRACKER BOX in the LONELY BULL, you had better hurry, as they are moving. Bill and Bob are taking over the kitchen at the LANDMARK. I wondered what Bill would do in a Chinese kitchen until I found out he has written two books on the subject.

POLK STRASSE

My very good friend, Michael Greer, will be appearing at the *P.S. for two nights, Sunday, February 20th and Monday, February 21st. He will be a sell-out, so call early.

Voo Doo will squire Jonni up Polk Street, Tuesday, February 1st. They will hit all the bars, so this will be a good time to meet the new Empress.

UPPER MARKET

Peter King's Birthday was a smash hit. It brought out people I haven't seen in ages. The PENDULUM is having their 2nd Anniversary on the 17th of February, with a buffet by Peter at 7 p.m.

If you collect old posters, I'm sure you can find it on the bulletin board at the TWILIGHT.

The NOTHING SPECIAL has a wonderful collection of old mirrors and prints to hold your interest while munching on their nuts... oops, I mean peznuts.

Mike and Jonni were spotted with their heads together at TOAD HALL.

You will be happy to hear Mike's leg has mended and he is back at the PENDULUM.

ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE

M.C.C. held a rap session at GAYLORD'S in Santa Rosa. Check with the bar for further meetings.

VI's Anniversary was highlighted when Jonni gave out his third title. He made Vi the "First Lady of the Bay Area".

A SPECIAL NOTICE

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the betterment of Our Community, and/or things you feel Empress Jonni should know, help with, or attend, please write to me in care of B.A.R.

PENINSULA

The BALL is set for February 27th. I will have to let you know where, in the next issue.

There will be a dinner show that Jonni and I will attend, at the BAYOU LOUNGE, Sunday, February 13th. If it is like the last one, call early!!

I am sorry to report Bashka was robbed and lost all his wonderful wardrobe.

The GALLEY had Candidates' Night for the new REINA CONTEST. Gabby and Nicky Nations were there, along with Jonni and the three contestants. Break a leg, kids! Love ya.

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Perry



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ASTROLOGY

by El Scorp

THE FULL MOON: IS IT GOOD OR BAD?

It almost seems as if the Full Moon period more than half the time occurs specifically to appear in this column. So, again, at almost three o'clock Sunday morning of the thirtieth, we have a Full Moon with the Sun in Aquarius and the Moon in Leo. Aquarians and Leos will specifically want to know if this is good or bad.

The Full Moon occurs when the Sun and the Moon are exactly opposite each other. In every chart the Sun and Moon are vital and important forces. They are not planets, although for the sake of simplicity we call them such. In reality they are luminaries, and both light up each chart. The Sun represents the power and the creative aspect, and the Moon represents a maternal and protective aspect and its movement definitely affects the affairs of men, and especially those of women. The Sun is regarded as masculine, and the Moon as feminine. Nevertheless, the Sun in anyone's chart, male or female, is that person's individuality. While the Moon is the temperament and the facade that person shows to the world. The Moon may also represent one's mother quite strongly, and the women in one's life.

When the Sun and Moon are opposite to each other, these two very powerful bodies are pulling against each other and those of us on earth are often caught in the middle. It is therefore only prudent that a little care be taken during Full Moon periods. It is an exciting time. Not necessarily a time when everyone goes loony, it is still a time when a significant number of people find themselves, more intense and determined.

For Aquarians, the Sun is in their sign, and, those with Aquarius rising are

going to feel a definite boost to their personalities. The Sun is transiting their first house of personality. But the Moon will be in Leo and will be transiting their seventh house of partners. This can be very beneficial. An Aquarian might acquire a business partner or a life partner. The Full Moon heightens an Aquarian's involvement with other people.

Now, for a Leo, and especially the Leo rising, the Moon is transiting his first house of personality, fluctuating his self-esteem, even under-minding the Leo's health if he makes himself

vulnerable. The Leo is certain to be disturbed. With the Moon moving through his first house, the Sun is moving through his seventh house. The Moon is only going to be in Leo a short time, two or three days. But the Sun is going to take a month going through the seventh house. With the vital force of the Sun transiting through the area reserved for close partners. The whole month becomes of necessity a time when the Leo had best be attentive to the affairs of his partner or to bettering his relationships with other people and looking for good associates. This is a good time to let other people take the lead. This is a time for Leo to lie low. The Sun is with the other fellow and so Leo had best be more receptive to the views and doings of others.

Well, is this good or bad? The answer to this ill-considered question should be as irritating as the question can be to any astrologer. It is too bad that the answer cannot be quite simple and pat. The Full Moon is energizing, but it can also be complimentary. The luminaries

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are opposite, and oppositions can be disheartening. It all depends on you and how you work with your chart. If you are an Aquarius and stay at home by yourself, you are not going to meet any new people or further any relationship with the people you already know in a positive manner. If you are a Leo and you proceed to take centre stage, forgetting those around you, you are only going to draw unfavorable criticism down on you. Working with your chart means that the Aquarian will go out and be social and take over a leadership position. To the Leo it means that he will, for a change, let others take the lead.

The people to worry about during this Full Moon will be Taurean and Scorpio, especially those born on the second, third or fourth of May or November. This worry can also extend itself to those who may have Ascendants in nine, ten or eleven degrees of Taurus or Scorpio. For the Taurean, his preoccupation is with his career and his responsibilities to others, his dealings with important people. The Full Moon is afflicting his home life, so he ought to go easy in any consideration where his home life is involved. The best advice to him this weekend is that he should spend it at home, devoting his time to career planning.

Quite the other way around, the Scorpio is now going to be involved in

home and family affairs. The Full Moon is going to bring some contre-temps to his career, so every care must be taken that he himself does not rocken to boat. The Taurean may begin the week with a sudden and disappointing illness or be prevented from being of service or help to others. The Scorpio may begin the week by suffering disappointment at the hands of hidden enemies. Similarly, the Aquarian may have a brainstorm which will contain a disappointing and unforeseen flaw; if he is on a long journey, he should observe every caution and watch his time-tables. If the Leo suffers any disappointment early in the coming week, it will come from brothers and sisters or close neighbors. It may even have something to do with upsetting his daily routine.

The planetary positions for this weekend have the Sun and Moon going into opposition. The Sun will be at eight and nine and ten degrees of aquarius. The Moon will start out in Cancer, but will go into Leo at 9:23 AM Saturday morning, remaining in Leo the rest of the weekend. Mercury will be 26 degrees Capricorn, while Pisces will be 15 degrees Pisces, Mars will be 22 degrees Aries. Jupiter will be 28 degrees Sagittarius. Saturn will be 29 degrees Gemini, practically "standing still" in the sky as it gets ready to "turn direct" at 2:57 AM Monday morning (for those late Sunday night revelers who want to

stay up and experience the removal of Saturn's obstacles and delays). Uranus will be at 18 degrees Libra. The planet Uranus has just gone retrograde on the twenty-third of this month and will so stay until the fourth week of June. According to how you operate under the influence of this planet, this may provide you with a second chance at creative or inventive genius, or it may give you added desire to be erratically and rebelliously unconventional. Neptune is at four degrees of Sagittarius. Pluto is at one degree of Libra and also retrograde from the twelfth of this month until the third week in June. Lilith, the disappointment factor will be transiting from 12 to eighteen degrees of Libra.

ARIES: The mind is on business, but the spirit is turning you to manifestations of your personality on the friends you gather around you. You are certain to turn your thoughts to pleasure this weekend. Let yourself go a little, especially on Saturday, but watch that you not become involved in emotional disappointments on Sunday.

TAURUS: Plan a trip but do not take one. Keep your mind on business. As we said earlier, business interests come first, but watch out for family considerations. Spend the weekend around the house with those close to you or your family, especially on Saturday. Sunday let

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GEMINI: Right now future plans and planning are important to you whether they be in the realm of career interests or for a long vacation trip. Career interests are going easily for you. Saturn is weighing especially heavy on you for some time to come, but especially right now. Communications are not good until Saturday afternoon and evening, and the mind is not too clear on Sunday.

CANCER: Friday may present its business problems but will otherwise be a good day to make up for any career stress. You are now very interested in finances, particularly where other people are concerned. Find someone you can depend upon, and socialize Saturday evening. The financial solution may appear on Sunday, but may be a source of disappointment involving your home environment.

LEO: As we said earlier, others are now in the driver's seat. Take a back seat and proceed with caution and tact. You must promote yourself but do so without fanfare. Communications are a little difficult right now.

VIRGO: Times are good for you now. Work is going well and you are able to put across some of your most helpful ideas. Principles can be a little difficult. Saturday is an especially good day if you maintain seclusion and work alone. But Sunday is the best day if you react in a positive manner to the best side of Virgo's qualities.

LIBRA: This is a social weekend for you, a good weekend to devote to old friends, and naturally your mind is on pleasurable contacts right now. You may even be feeling creative. January has been a little heavy for you, but things begin to ease up now. Stay loose

this weekend and enjoy whatever comes your way.

SCORPIO: Things which have been pending for some time now are drawing to a conclusion. Think of new projects. But behave on Friday evening and do not let yourself get out of hand. Think ahead to the coming week's career problems. This is a time for you to be the leader, but play it by ear.

SAGITTARIUS: Right now you would like to spend your weekends on short trips, and this is a good time for it. The weekend gets off to a good start, and Saturday is a fun day for you, especially in the evening. Cooperate and communicate, and the sunny weather should last through Sunday.

CAPRICORN: Financial considerations are uppermost in your mind now. Help may come this weekend, but someone's head may roll. Let it not be your own. Involve yourself with friends, and play your part equally. Even if you are a Capricorn, this should be a fairly easy weekend in a mild sort of way.

AQUARIUS: This is the time for you to make changes in every phase of your life, but always with an eye out to the wishes and responsibilities to your partner. Do not make the decisions now, but plan and work with others. Be social and go out. Meet new people. You can put your plans across to others and get their best response.

PISCES: Things are happening behind the scenes right now, and they are of importance to you. Anything you can do in the seclusion and privacy of home will bring the best results. Saturday morning is your best time, but do not expect too much from the evening. While pleasant, it may not be spectacular. Devote Sunday to work at home.

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by Donald McLean

ON THE PROWL

The big news on Polk Street this week is that THE SHOW at the *P.S. will *not* close after all. During this slack season, certain cutbacks are financially necessitated, so Jimmie Little will leave THE SHOW for a while, while Allan, Jae and Big Jimmy will remain at slightly less-lavish salaries than previously. As Allan Lloyd said in an exclusive phone call (is there another kind?), "We're being kept, but not in the style we had become accustomed to!" But at least a good show isn't biting the dust after all, and Mr. Stevens can finish paying off his surgery. Oh, yes, Jae had another birthday on January 20th, and was so unnerved he didn't work that weekend. But he'll be back by the time you read this; the facial swelling will be down and

he still looks in his early 20s. Belated birthday greetings, Jae!
A TIDBIT?

Orange blossoms in the air for a B.A.R. columnist? I thought it impossible with our staff of frustrated spinsters, but Perry and Jerry Joint (of the BODY SHOP) are more than just a tidbit.

ELECTION POLES

On February 2nd, S.I.R. will hold its elections for new officers. Cramer and Stahlmann versus Plath and Nelson. Dick Nelson, known to a few select intimates as Empress VI Cristal, has certainly proven himself to be one of the hardest workers in our city this past year and would provide the new blood S.I.R. so desperately needs without transfusing a personal ego trip as well.



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My only personal objection to Mr. Cramer is his repeated slams against the CITY PLAYERS. Many of the entertainers currently working in the CITY PLAYERS are the same entertainers who appeared, for free, at the two benefits for S.I.R. at the MINT and the S.I.R. CENTER and raised almost \$2,000.00 in two nights for the NEW S.I.R. CENTER. The attitude seems to be that money raised for S.I.R. by non-S.I.R. members is slightly tainted and how dare S.I.R.'s resident stable of entertainers, who performed for years gratis, branch out and try to make a little money for themselves for a change?! The ingratitude, Mr. Cramer, is staggering, and monopolies are supposed to be illegal, even in Gay community theatre!!!

ON TO PLEASANTER TOPICS

The HIGHLIGHTERS will open at the new COUNTRY CLUB (formerly the SPEAKEASY) at 17th and Florida in the upstairs EMPIRE V.I.P. ROOM on Wednesday and Thursday, February 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th, for a limited engagement. New in the cast is the sensational Malcolm Clarke, reviewed in the current issue of AFTER DARK.

LOVE 'EM OR LEAVE 'EM

On February 14th, there will be a LOVE 'EM OR LEAVE 'EM BENEFIT at the RAMROD from 7 to 10, with free beer, buffet, entertainment and prizes. Some of the donations received at press time are from HANS-OFF, STUD, EARLY BIRD, COVERED WAGON, 527 CLUB, KOKPIT, DAVE'S, RITCH STREET, FICKLE FOX, RAMROD, RIFF-RAFF, and JACKSON'S. The benefit will feature many of our top entertainers and will be M.C.'d by J.J. Van Dyck. Tickets are \$4.00 each and are available at S.I.R., RAMROD, HANS-OFF, EARLY BIRD, and the RIFF-RAFF.

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Film star, nightclub comedian and general all-around talent Mr. Michael Greer will appear two nights only at the *P.S. on February 20th and 21st. And on February 22nd, I understand all the lamb chops served in the dining room will have black panties on them to commemorate the closing of the FANTASY one year ago. In the front bar, that nice lady, Mary McGill is now working Friday through Tuesday

evenings from 9:30 on. Busy, busy place.

PRETTY-NEW-FACE-IN-TOWN

The lovely Francine weekends at the ORPHEUM CIRCUS.

SUCCESSFUL ROUND-UP

THE ROUND-UP Anniversary Shows were an enormous success. Al, Gary and Carl treated the performers like visiting royalty, while Western and Drag mixed beautifully.

AND-DON'T-FORGET

WONDERFUL TOWN opens February 4th with opening night a benefit for S.I.R. and February 12th Empress Night. For three weekends only, so take one evening of your life and support a new event in Gay San Francisco nightlife. Whatever your scene may be, good entertainment offers something for everyone!

SNOOP'S PREDICTION COMES TRUE

As I predicted in my New Year's column, the busty beauty of FINOCCHIO'S, Pat Montclair, has put away her record needles once and for all and is now working totally "live". Beverly Sills needn't plan her retirement

quite yet, but Eartha Kitt could get a little nervous! And yes, to all of you who've asked, Pat is extremely happy working there. It was LaVerne Cummings who informed Pat that it's very difficult to sing well when waist-clinched within an inch of her life. The following show, Pat went on with a less hour-glass figure but a helluva better voice. Ah, the sacrifices in show biz!

MORE "LIVE" TALENT ON THE WAY

The latest addition in the growing list of performers turning "live" is Tommy Almon of the HIGHLITERS. Tommy is now taking voice lessons on the side (sounds very uncomfortable) while continuing to work pantomime. Never hurts to plan ahead, and maybe someday...

TOTIE IN HAYWARD

San Francisco's own Totie Fields, Terry Taylor, has been guest-starring weekends at the CHANCES "R" in Hayward.

SWEET LIPS' SOUP LINE

The "Terror of Turk Street", who really has a heart of gold, was seen feeding one of our leading unemployed

actresses the other day (but how long can one live on vodka and popcorn?). Oh, GOLDEN AWARDS' Committee, you missed an important category: Best Sweet Lips Imitation - Cristal, Jimmy Quinn and the latest contender, Paul Bentley. You can see them all, including the original, on February 14th at the KOKPIT'S VALENTINE PARTY from 4 p.m. on.

ERNESTINE AT THE ORGAN

If you haven't seen David Kelsey's characterization of Ernestine, the telephone operator, get over soon to the PAGE ONE and enjoy this talented man.

BUSY BLONDE

Faye, the purty blonde ingenue in WONDERFUL TOWN and forthcoming star of MAME, was appointed by Empress Jonni as her First Lady-in-Waiting at the CORONATION BALL. Oh, good! That should fill up all those empty evenings off. With luck, Faye should be able to get out of drag for a night sometime in August.

OUR CLOSING THOUGHT

Bigtime, smalltime - all egos get ruffled sometime.

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My San Francisco

After a long, difficult eighteen months, with its many laughs and tears, I finally have had a moment to look back and to look ahead. There have always been many factors which have kept me on top of the many situations. One of the most important and interesting was the Board of Directors of the TAVERN GUILD OF SAN FRANCISCO. I had the greatest respect for every member of the Board at the beginning of the year. It was exciting and interesting working and listening to these people, who are level-headed business people. Their constant insistence on seeing all sides of a question was fascinating to watch, and certainly inspired a great deal of confidence in their organization.

Often the general meetings were rowdy, but they have proven that competitive people can work together with the total group in mind. They are to be commended for their abilities and efforts for the TAVERN GUILD and the Community.

Nearly half-way thru the year, the Board of T.G. was re-elected. Much to my surprise, and I believe to the surprise of many others, Perry and Dick Walters became part of the moving scene of T.G.—again, much to the surprise of many. Dick Walters, with his sharp competitive will, became effective for T.G.

This Board continued to move with

the able guidance of people like Roberta Bobba—always thinking and looking on the many sides. This is where Richard Gersbach also became effective, always thinking and looking on the many sides, forever being able to pick out the nitty side before it was brought out.

Only after the year was over was I somewhat disappointed in this group, but certainly not the group as a whole. My sorrow fell only on those who would take on more responsibility than they could handle, and those who felt they could protect the organization by thinking for them, before they took time to find out what the group's viewpoint was. I am speaking of the final handling of the ballots. Certainly an insult to the group as a whole. To say the least, this assemblage, as a whole, is a strong, competitive, broad-thinking batch of bitches worth knowing and working with.

During the last year, I have moved in and thru the many organizations and clubs here and throughout the West Coast. I have worked with many groups and people on one function or another. It has been interesting knowing and understanding how each works and operates, and what motivates the groups and clubs. There is no such thing as a perfect organization. Each needs help at times. Sometimes a comparison is helpful. Often one organization could learn from another thru comparison or

working closer together. The comparison of the people guiding is often similar, but on different levels. Thru this comparison, you can often see where there is a lack of professionalism, or too much personalism.

The largest and the broadest organization in our community is S.I.R. Their motives are, or should be, the most fulfilling of any organization which represents us. Their by-laws guide them toward social reform and social activity. Their Board of Directors is quite large, and certainly varied in pursuits and personalities. Only thru actual observation can one understand why this group and the large organization needs an active public-relations section. The cliques involved seem to have often lost track of, or have no touch with, the moving scene of our Community.

One must be thankful to the many who have not lost this ability to know what is happening. And *where* it is happening. One must be aware of those who drive toward the original foundation of this organization. These people are led by Bill Plath, and believe me, they need help. The petty politics, the continued expression of personalities and ego are only destructive to the organization as it is. It also makes it difficult for many capable individuals to get involved. All too often I have heard, "I would like to get involved, but how do you fight such educated low-bitchery?" Of course, there is only one answer to this question: that is to vote. If you are a member, be sure to take the time to study the type and brand of politics displayed by the different camps involved in this election, Wed., Feb. 2nd. The many underlying destructive factors are really obvious. Be sure to check for experience and reliability of the candidates. It should not be a case of personality, but a case of knowledge.

We are moving into the seventies, we are growing, and we need to grow above much of the ordinary, common bitchery we have seen in the past.

If you are not a member of S.I.R., you can still join. They need all of us to help, not just a few. If you don't vote, you really have nothing to complain about.

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Hello, Cecil, you look gorgeous—
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—Attended one of the S.I.R. bored
meetings—Miss Carnation was so
inactive, I though maybe he should go
back to driving a bus—such a
dallier—Last time I saw him, he was
pitching a bitch about waiting in line for
a free din-din at TAVERN GUILD'S last
picnic—And talk about hidden
expenses of S.I.R. productions—Oh
well, some things have to be
flushed.—Want to read of climatic

temperature changes? Then read
Cristal's new article in this issue, MY
SAN FRANCISCO (The aforementioned
title a suggestion from yours
truly)—Oh! Jonni, Oh! Jonni, How
you can love.—But, why have the bike
clubs turned cold shoulder??—Such a
drizzle.—What famous jewelry de-
signer had his apprenticeship as a drag
designer?—Interesting tremor.—Is it
true that Lenny (that's Lendra of OFF
THE LEVEE—a straight bar, according
to Sweet Lips) wears an Alioto button
and that Sandy (no connection with any
bar) is contemplating an I.R.S.
button—Maybe the letters should read
R.I.P.—Barometer reads, "hot and
humid"—Look for changes in weather
around south of Market—you have all
heard of leather, but now of all things,
they're thinking of cowboys in
drag—to the tune of musical
dollars—Was that Hop-A-Long Shan-
non?—Attended a political dinner at
the San Franciscan Hotel in honor of
Willie Brown and hosted by Michael
Greer (I forgot his room number,
473??). It was beautiful weather and I
enjoyed myself immensely, but tell me
why Cramer and his cohorts had a big
bitch about this function—Now I
understand why Father Bill Plath had
such a difficult time in increasing the
S.I.R. membership—I also noticed that

the TAVERN GUILD table had three
empty seats—It's such fun to know
that no matter what Gay event you
attend in San Francisco, you always get
a Broshears—Such a sand stormer—
Oh, well! He adds to the flavor of an
exciting evening—And with all the Gay
events going on, why not do as Karl Kay
has suggested: "Open to the public"?
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—He's such a lovable cloud.—Ever
hear of "Camp Awards"—???—
GOLDEN AWARDS better leave space
for fill-ins. They seem to have left-out
some beautiful events and beautiful
individuals—Rumor also has it that the
price of the tickets should help defray
the cost of last year's trophies—Help
wanted, but sorry, no profits
available—Is that why Bella dumped
the job of decorating the ballroom for
the Coronation in Cristal's lap, or is it
true, like she 'says, she was not
asked?—And love to Jose' for his great
assistance in working hard with Cristal
in overcoming such obstacles (Jose' was
not asked—he offered)—Perry of the
TAVERN GUILD thought of calling the
police to have the Polish Prince (Ha)
thrown-out of the CORONATION
BALL after she, Perry of the TAVERN
GUILD, threw a tasteless tantrum,
because she did not have a table with
her name, "Perry", printed upon it and
glorified with surrounding carnations—
she carried on to such an extreme point
that the Polish Prince (such a wonderful
person) demanded that she strip her
drag off and put on her tailored levi's,
so that they could both go outside
where he would have the greatest of
Royal honors of beating the Royal shit
out of her—Such stormy waters???—
Perry of M.C.C. busy gathering the flock
—A beautiful person—a beautiful
job—beautifully done—one can see the
difference in the former and the
latter—a self-cause and a cause for
many others—Dick Nelson for Vice
President of S.I.R., Who the heck is
Dick Nelson???—Silent rumor
sprinkled around town that Don and
John of FE-BE'S are planning to donate
one thousand dollars to a fund (not yet
started) to build a full life-size FE-BE
statue in bronze on a marble pedestal,
to be presented to the city fathers for
the new Market Street Plaza—Such
windy, campy sweethearts—Maybe

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Jose' will donate her life-size painting to the De Young Museum—After all, this is a Gay city—Another flurry rumored that the B.A.R. staff of writers are now listed as "the 'Watchtower' of the Gay set"—Comment by the Dog Lady at a recent dog show at the ORPHEUM: "That looks like a young Lorelei." Comment by Empress Jonni when asked to be introduced: "I don't have a



1st Gull: "Empress Jonni looks cautious."
2nd Gull: "S(he)'s just a pretender."

dress."—Is that the burden of becoming a representative?—What is the secret hideaway in Chinatown that seduces big, beautiful, buxom, bouncing baby Betty Bonko of the *P.S. to go to, after hours, for a spot of cold tea???—HELLO DOLLY! next at S.I.R. with a pre-cast cast—At least, they did something right—Right, Michelle?—And that spontaneous music advertised around town is for that Broadway hit, WONDERFUL TOWN—What three musketeers of T.G. fame burnt trash on a city street?—Maybe it's charitable to give from the rich to the poor—Oh, well, that's how the elections went—up in flames—and—it seems that Barbara Balls of the EARLY BIRD is still wandering about in a daze since the ball. He's still confused whether he was Greta's escort or Bella's or vice-versa—??—(That's confusing to me, too)—Is Allan Lloyd of THE SHOW at the *P.S. to be its new p.r. man when THE SHOW closes and the new show starts with Michael Greer as the star???—What last year's Peninsula Consort skipped out of Portland and left behind unpaid bills

during the last event there?—And they're still unpaid—Such a responsible representative of the Peninsula—Why is it that in our Gay Community, we are constantly being taken, and also have people who represent us take us?—Some people are given a title or recognized as a representative in a camp way, and others, through some gift, have a self-talent and ability to represent us, but at the same time, some of these individuals are hungry, corrupt and self-centered and are only performing this role as representative for self-selfish reasons—Greater amount of participation by you, in the various organizations that represent us, are needed—Only then can we clean out our closets—If you don't like something, then get involved and change it—I, myself, would rather attack with what words a person has said than attack the person, but it seems that the latter is a necessary evil.—and,—As Sheriff Hongisto repeated that famous saying at a political meeting, "United, we stand; divided, they will pick us up one by one."

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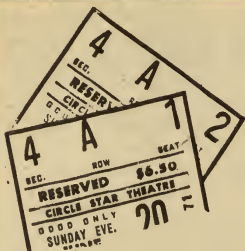
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by Jay Noonan

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Is to be over thirty a crime? Then, to remember that the *Green Hornet's* companion and side-kick's name was Kato, or that *Let's Pretend* was our very best favorite on Saturday mornings, or that Ginger Rogers sang "We're in the Money" in pig-Latin in a *Gold Diggers* flick, means **FOUR ON THE FLOOR** will be a joy to your eye and ear. If none of the above ring a bell, **FOUR ON THE FLOOR** will still tickle your funny bone and make you wonder how it all was, in the decades of zany flappers, drawing-room comedies and talking picture shows.

Up in the far reaches of Grant Avenue, at the SAVOY-TIVOLI, in the Upper Bar, behind the potted palms, lie four very talented people who,



The cast of **FOUR ON THE FLOOR** (left to right): Don Sheffey, Robert Cowell, Elinor Anderson and Larry Vincent)

Thursdays through Sundays, dispense mirth and much joy to those who journey to see them. Their intimate revue, whose name is **FOUR ON THE FLOOR**, is a *must* for those who crave solid entertainment in San Francisco.

I saw the show nine months ago (*B.A.R.*, Volume 1, Number 3) and it still has the style, grace and wit that it had on its opening. The only difference

now is the change in program and one of its cast, but it still is easily the best show of its kind around and, if the show I saw the other evening is an example, it will be with us for some time to come.

Its creator is one Don Sheffey, and he has taken the charm, the wit and talent from the people who spawned it in the twenties and thirties—from Irving Berlin and Cole Porter to Kurt Weill and Noel Coward—all the best of their time—and has compiled three different shows in one evening's entertainment. Together with Elinor Anderson, Larry Vincent

and Robert Cowell, all perform to a "T".

Miss Anderson has grown immeasurably in the past months and has developed into a superb comedienne.

Mr. Vincent still gives us his shy, innocent, soft-selling best—especially in the Coward segment, as he captures Coward's style and sophistication in interpreting a lyric line.

Mr. Cowell is a newcomer and has fallen in easily with his cohorts in the "Frolic of the Talkies" and, with Miss Anderson, romps through the Coward.

Mr. Sheffey conducts and leads through most of the show (he is a man who does his homework and gets all "A's" on his term paper).

For an evening of fun, **FOUR ON THE FLOOR** is a true bon-bon in this year of grace, 1972.

—Jay

(ED. NOTE: **FOUR ON THE FLOOR** is a *GOLDEN AWARD* Nominee in the category of "Best Continuous Show".)

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CAPERS

THE DARK SIDE OF 30

At this time of year, many of us are physically and mentally exhausted, so we have to look for new electrical charges to stimulate us in our conquest of life. I have become involved in the production of **WONDERFUL TOWN**, which opens at the **VILLAGE** on February 4th. This is not a plug for the show as much as it is to relate the experience this adventure has brought me:

As with **SPOONFUL OF SUGAR**, a production at the **VILLAGE** last year which I wrote warmly about, I am very happy that I became involved. It is too easy, I think, when you reach my age (which is between 30 and 100), to become lethargic and listless about life and blame it on so many things—like not having the time, or energy, or my lover doesn't want me to. Whatever the

excuse is, you are denying yourself a large slice of life if you refrain from becoming involved. Now please forgive me if I sound like I am preaching—I can't really help how it comes out—but the experience has been so rich for me that I simply want to share it with you. Our director, Chuck Largent by name, is an extremely talented man. He co-directed **ONCE UPON A MATTRESS** at S.I.R. last year and it was, in my opinion, an excellent show. He, since then, has had a couple of revues that were as good as anything Off Broadway; unfortunately, the revues were much too short in their runs because, in the first case, **LATEX LILLY'S** building came down and, at the **MINT**, the room was just not right for a show. It may, however, have been a God-send. I don't see how we would have been able to rehearse as much as

we have if the show were still running. Rumor has it that Chuck has his favorites. This is probably true, but most of these people that he "seems" to favor have worked with him before, and he seems to know their capabilities and their limitations. Our producer is a good-looking guy, who was also involved with **...MATTRESS**, by name of Wally Rutherford. It is great to see such thorough professionalism in a job that is so difficult. Our musical director is Denis (one "n") Moreen, who very possibly is one of the warmest, most talented miracle-workers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He was responsible for the great sounds in **SPOONFUL OF SUGAR** last year. He has been setting new records for the **FICILE FOX** on Valencia Street. It's amazing, for a man so young, how far back, musically, he can go (try him). Faye, who will possibly cop the Golden Award for his performance in **...MATTRESS** last year, is playing a different character in **...TOWN**—she's sweet. Type-casting. Jose'll be a show-stopper. He is such a joy to work
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sort of company could have come together—mainly because there, the people rely on the theatre for a living; here, in this particular case, it is a labor of love. I have, many times, stood and thought on the middle of the stage, "What the hell am I doing here?" I have not been to a movie, play or an orgy in months, have missed all the new t.v. shows, and it's been money "out-of-my-pocket", because of lost working hours. Is it worth it? I would have to say yes—the joy of meeting, getting to know, and working with 60 talented people makes it worthwhile.

This is why I say to you, get involved. S.I.R. is doing a production of ...DOLLY! this Summer, John Bush will be doing "...VIRGINIA WOLFF", CITY PLAYERS will be doing MAME. If you can't sing or dance, you can sew, or help paint sets, or work in p.r., promoting the show. You might say, "What does it pay?" Well, it pays in a richer, fuller life—a little tiring at times, but much more exciting.

AT RANDOM

Phil Kiely, the controversial Captain of Mission Station, has been hospitalized by a heart attack. Our prayers and warm wishes for a quick recovery.

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Jaye Sutherland to be nominated for a Golden Award for SPOONFUL OF SUGAR, as he (Rick) is the one who designed and made all of the costumes. He just wanted to clear the air.

Congratulations to our new Empress, Jonni. May he reign wisely, stay out of the pit falls and in good health.

Lori Shannon will be opening soon at the COUNTRY CLUB (formerly the SPEAKEASY). I am so happy for him, because this child is most alive when he is performing.

Please do not forget the S.I.R.

VALENTINE'S DANCE in February.

Speaking of S.I.R., they will be electing a new president and other officers, so if you belong, don't forget to vote; if you don't belong, now's a good time to join.

It may seem a little early, but if you know anyone involved with the GOLDEN AWARDS to be held at the VILLAGE on March 25th, try to get tickets. This will be a sell-out for sure.

Good luck, Bill Plath. S.I.R. needs you. I think you have done a superb job as President.

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FILM

by

Terry Alan Smith

THE BOY FRIEND, A Ken Russell Production, starring Twiggy and Christopher Gable, with Max Adrian; produced, directed and written (based on the stageplay by Sandy Wilson) by Ken Russell; director of photography, David Watkin; associate producer, Harry Benn; musical arranger and conductor, Peter Maxwell-Davies; choreographed by Christopher Gable, Gillian Gregory, Terry Gilbert and members of the cast; sets designed by Tony Walton; costumes designed by Shirley Russell; presented by EMI-MGM, at the Alhambra Theatre, Polk and Green Streets.

There are two things you should know at the outset about "The Boy Friend": firstly, it is *not* a film version of Sandy Wilson's delightfully-coy musical satire and, secondly, while it



Here's Twiggy... on top of things

duplicates (and often surpasses) Busby Berkeley's ingenious production numbers, it does not capture the *essence* of them. These two things are essential and pre-determine whether or not you will like "The Boy Friend."

First things first, Ken Russell's film is about a second-rate traveling company

of "The Boy Friend" in rural England. The fact that the company just happens to be doing Sandy Wilson's "The Boy Friend" is very nearly incidental. If you happen to love Mr. Wilson's version, as I do, you will be disappointed in Mr. Russell's version. Most of the songs are there, but they're done with a piano and drums alone (the company not being able to afford additional instrumentation), they sound as though they're being done in a barn (the company not doing any business—at this particular performance, there are only 10 or so people in the large music hall), and—worst of all—they are being performed without any conviction whatsoever (after all, it is hard to muster-up energy for 10 people). Oh, the technique is there: the settings are brilliant, the costumes are fun (and in the twenties era), the choreography is probably among the best stage choreography I've ever seen, the style of the show is enchanting. But technique alone does not make a performance "theatre"—the conviction and energy of the cast is the catalyst that brings "magic time" into being. This company is surely bored to death; working to eat and pay their hotel bills. The only hope in the company is that the next town will bring better business.

But there are other problems, too. During nearly *all* of Mr. Wilson's dialogue, we are backstage with the off-stage members of the company—listening to the bickering, watching the subtle politics among the cast members, the incipient love affairs; the broiling feuds. Yes, if you love Mr. Wilson's "The Boy Friend," you had better wait until it plays somewhere else.

Into this depressed company and depressing performance comes a Mr.

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And so, what do we have so far? We have a run-down performance of *part* of a beloved musical, the most evil characters ever seen in a film musical, and an on-screen audience of ten or so persons, slightly bored, who are prone to only polite applause. In short, up to this point, the whole effect is a depressing grotesque, the evil characters making it sort of a Grand Guignol performance of what was intended to be a heart-warming musical, the emptiness of the theatre making it seem as though the whole thing is comprised of ghosts from the past—barely more vivid than our memories, and certainly less enchanting.

It's quite a shock. So, let Ken Russell give interviews until he's blue in the face about "The Boy Friend" being "the return of entertainment... just



It ain't Astaire and Rogers on this giant phonograph

entertainment"—he'll never convince me. The film is already working on a multitude of levels and DeThrill himself proves that Mr. Russell is up to no good: DeThrill's reactions, to this point, are the same as ours and, as an escape, his mind goes into flights of fancy on how he would stage the broken-down numbers he has submitted himself to. As his mind soars, so does the camera; and we are suddenly in the middle of the Busby Berkeley world; color and spectacle and ingenious staging. And Mr. Russell is re-creating, accurately, the

look of the Busby Berkeley numbers—and not just Mr. Berkeley's style, but the *specific* Berkeley numbers: The "Flying Down to Rio" number, or the famous shot through the chorines' legs, with Dick Powell... I mean, Christopher Gable and Twiggy at the end. And Mr. Russell does them as well—and often with more brilliance—than Mr. Berkeley did himself. But, as I said earlier, he does not capture their *essence*. You see, what has happened is that, after seeing all the evil performers

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with their banners down, you *remember* how evil they are *behind* the glitter. So what is missing, and makes the film continue with that ever-present grotesque feel, is the lack of innocence. I mean, when the smiling, ruby-red-lipped chorus girl comes rotating by on the giant phonograph, you want to smack her in the mouth—and all because you saw her trip another girl on stage back in the rural English theatre. So you can “ooh and aah” at the camp value of seeing Berkeley duplicated, but with the

evil lurking in the hearts of the cast, you can't really enjoy it... at least, not as “just entertainment”.

So, what do we have at this point? We have the Busby Berkeley people, but shown in a perspective of absolute realism. Show-people were as evil then as they are now (and especially with a famous Hollywood director in the house), but the audience isn't supposed to see that. Mr. Russell has given us both sides of the coin, and it leaves a bitter taste in our mouths.

But this utter realism works in Mr. Russell's favor, too. Polly (Twiggy), the bespectacled assistant stage manager, goes on for the star (who's foot has just been run-over by a tram). The manager takes off her glasses and proceeds with every cliché in the book (“Why you're beautiful”; “You can do it, kid”; “You'll come back a star”, etc.), but the lines come over as so much bullshit (which, in fact, they are). But this is realistic, too. I mean, how else do you get through to a gullible kid like Polly? And she is, too. And sweet. And innocent. All the qualities which have been missing from “The Boy Friend” thus far, she contains... in spades. When she tries to read off a cue sheet pinned to another actress' fan, she is pathetic. When she is tripped and pushed and shoved and upstaged by the other members of the cast, our hearts bleed for her. We like her. We feel for her... and empathy rears its lovely head. Suddenly, we're involved, and the picture takes on a warmth. As she crams her part between scenes and eventually gets involved in her on-stage character,

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we get involved. And she infects Christopher Gable with it. And what do you know! "The Boy Friend" is working (Mr. Wilson's version, as well as Mr. Russell's), and it becomes a heart-warming, delightfully-coy musical



Tommy Tune emerges triumphant

satire... and all the more so *because* it's surrounded by the Grand Guignol atmosphere. And now, what *should* be backstage is backstage, and what should be onstage is on. DeThrill is now watching "the company with the new-found conviction", and the ailing star (Glenda Jackson is an unbilled, but beautiful, cameo performance) has tears running down her face — even though she is "ssh"-ing the audience at their suddenly enthusiastic applause. But Twiggy does not emerge the star triumphant. Mr. Russell's film is working on such a complex concept, and he is doing it so well, nearly everyone in the cast becomes secondary to his direction.

The person who *does* emerge triumphant is Tommy Tune as the "Ray Bolger"-type dancer. In "The Boy Friend", he proves himself to be such a brilliant dancer, he dazzles us completely... and over and above anyone else in the cast.

He dazzles DeThrill, too. After all the clawing and upstaging and shoving and pushing and tripping, Tommy Tune is the one who wins the Hollywood contract. All the rest are doomed to the run-down road company of Mr. Wilson's "The Boy Friend", (Although, you know, if they were to worry less about their petty quarrels, and more about their being a member of the *ensemble*, and were to perform for those small audiences with the conviction they would give a packed house, I'll bet they wouldn't have small houses for long!)

At any rate, if you can psyche yourself into the fact that you're not going to see much of Sandy Wilson's "The Boy Friend", nor much of the 1930's "era of innocence", but a serious peice of filmic art commenting on the past (maybe it wasn't a better world, after all), you should enjoy what is, without a doubt, the best film of the Berkeley genre and the finest film Mr. Russell has made since "Women in Love".

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What is male heterosexuality?

Heterosexuality is a dread disfunction, malignant in character, which infects a surprising percentage of American males. Because of the anatomical and physiological limitations involved, there are some formidable obstacles to overcome. Most heterosexuals view this as a challenge and approach it with ingenuity and boundless energy.

The main problem is that the male and female sex organs just don't fit. Females have no nerve-endings in the vagina, so they can get little pleasure from heterosexuality. The vagina lacks both the malleable lips and tongue of the mouth and the tightness of the anus, so it is physiologically impossible for males to receive much gratification from heterosexuality. A wise old Arab judge observed this difficulty 4,000 years ago, and said:

"Penis firm and round in shape,
Anus was made best to match it.
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What is meant by disfunction?

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Don't heterosexuals do other things, too?

Certainly. Many younger heterosexuals engage in oral copulation in simulation of normal sex, but it's sort of one-sided, because females don't have the equipment. A few heterosexuals copulate women anally, in simulation of normal sodomy, but this is not a very satisfactory substitute for the real thing, because women's anuses are too loose. When it is not convenient to find a woman to masturbate in, heterosexuals indulge in "kitchen masturbation". Most heterosexuals find their man-

woman sex so unfulfilling that they masturbate a lot. Many look in the refrigerator for substitutes for the vagina. The most common masturbatory object for this purpose is the melon. Cantaloupes are usual, but where it is available, papaya is popular. Many, however, prefer to masturbate in the male liver.

Why do some males cross the natural sexual barriers to have sex with people of the opposite sex?

Most researchers believe that all individuals go through a heterosexual phase in early childhood. In post-pubertal heterosexuality, something goes wrong with the normal development pattern. The victims of this unfortunate condition attempt to escape from reality by crawling back into the security of the womb. Usually the futile attempt commences by inserting the penis in the vagina, but alas, since that is all of the body that will physically fit, the poor heterosexual

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Are there female heterosexuals also?

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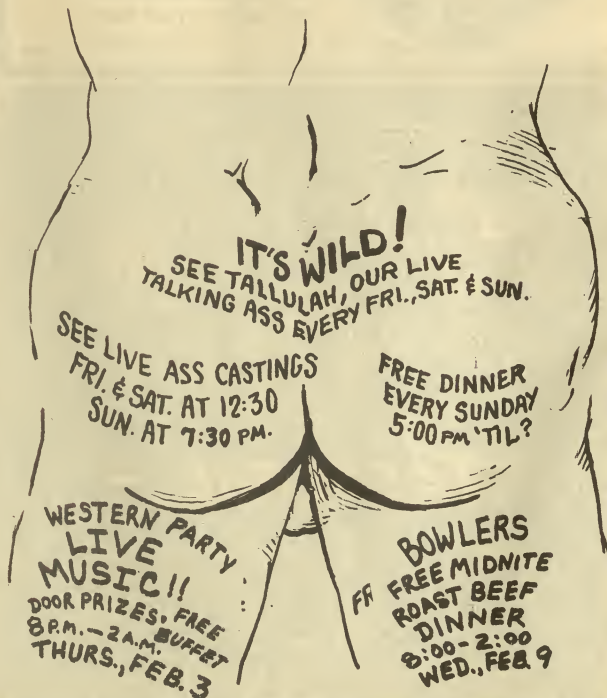


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